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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION IN MADRID MEETINGS

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: A high-level Jordanian interagency delegation to Madrid, led by Finance Minister Michel Marto, will make a presentation highlighting Jordan's potential to provide technical and training support for rebuilding Iraq's institutions and to support other donors' efforts. While planning for the donors meetings seems on track, the Jordanians are confused about how to organize themselves for the private sector conference. We will work with the Spanish embassy to clear up misunderstandings over ministerial participation, the number of Jordanian companies invited, and who will pay for their travel, but would also appreciate Washington guidance on these points. END SUMMARY.

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Donors Meetings  
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2. (SBU) Ministry of Planning Secretary General Hala Bsiso-Lattouf told ECON/C October 15 that Jordan will send an eight-person delegation to the October 23-24 donors meetings. Finance Minister Michel Marto will lead a team including Bsiso-Lattouf, Jordan's Ambassador to Spain, Mohammed Al-Mu'ajdeh of the Jordanian military's Crisis Management Center, Arwa Salaita from the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ismail Zagal from the Ministry of Finance, Nabil Shukm of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and an as-yet-unidentified representative of the Public Security Directorate.

3. (SBU) Bsiso-Lattouf said Jordan's presentation and contribution to the conference will focus on Jordanian technical and training support for Iraqi institutions, such as training for police, aviation officials, bankers, and health inspectors. In addition to ongoing programs Jordan will stand ready to provide additional technical support in other areas identified by Iraq. While Jordan, as an ODA recipient, is not in a position to pledge cash, the delegation will also highlight Jordan's readiness to support other donors' efforts and to provide logistical and other support to ensure easy access to Iraq. Jordan's presentation will note the country's strong interest in Iraq's successful transition to peace and prosperity, and its readiness to cooperate fully with Iraqi institutions and the international community.

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Private Sector Conference  
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3. (SBU) Confusion about the private-sector development conference (Reftel) in Madrid has meant that GOJ has not as yet put together a delegation for that conference. Bsiso-Lattouf said that when she contacted the Spanish embassy to follow-up on Minister Rato's invitation, she was told that the conference would be open to an undetermined delegation of several businessmen, led by the Minister of Planning, all of whose travel to Madrid would be paid for. She was later told that five businessmen could attend, but that the Minister's travel would not be paid for. We conveyed our understanding based on reftel (which we had previously conveyed to the Prime Minister and Planning Minister Awadallah) that the conference is meant for private sector leaders vice government ministers, whose primary role would be to recruit and organize the delegation, and encouraged her to act quickly to form a delegation. Bsiso-Lattouf said she would consult Awadallah (who is currently traveling with the King), and that the Ministry was ready to form a business delegation even on short notice if these questions could be resolved.

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COMMENT AND GUIDANCE REQUEST  
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5. (SBU) Jordanian planning for the donors meetings seems on track. We will continue to work with Bsiso-Lattouf and the Spanish embassy to encourage appropriate participation in the private sector meeting. We would appreciate any guidance on the role of Minister Awadallah at the business conference, as

well as the availability of funding for private-sector delegations to this portion of the conference.  
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